



## ONE BLOCK CLOSURE OF VINE STREET THIS WEEKEND ONLY

***Fountain Square activities are accessible  
Sidewalk access to all retailers remains open***

CINCINNATI, November 30, 2006— The City of Cincinnati and Fifth Third Bank today announced plans to temporarily close the one block section of Vine Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets this weekend only. The street closure from 6 p.m. Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3 at 11 p.m. will facilitate the erection of a tower crane for renovation work on Fifth Third's building façade.

- Vine Street sidewalk access and all retailer storefronts will remain open throughout the weekend. Visitors will have full access to Tiffany & Co., Brooks Bros., Palamino Euro Bistro, Macy's as well as Jos. A. Banks and Batsakes.
- Rock Bottom Brewery and the new ice rink at Fountain Square will be open and all activities will continue.
- The Fountain Square Garage will be open. Access to the Fountain Square Garage will be routed to the Walnut Street entrance. Motorists wishing to park in Fountain Square Garage will be routed east on Fifth to Main Street, left on Main, left on Sixth Street, then left on Walnut to the mid-block garage entrance on their right. Signs will be posted to aid motorists.

Traffic approaching the intersection of Fifth and Vine Streets will be detoured east on Fifth to Main Street (two blocks), left on Main, then left on Sixth Street, to travel two blocks on Sixth and back on to Vine Street.

Signs will be posted marking the detour routes. Additionally, Cincinnati Police Officers and Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (DCI) Ambassadors will provide assistance and information to pedestrians, motorists, and retailers in the area.

To better compliment the renovated Fountain Square, Fifth Third Bank has committed \$16.5 million to revamp its William S. Rowe Building, including new façades for both the Fountain Square and Sixth street-facing exteriors. The tower crane will facilitate work for the new south façade, -- a high-tech, steel and glass curtain wall system. The new façade will include a 22-foot square image from the Tyler Davidson Fountain directly above the entrance to the existing breezeway between Fountain Square and Sixth Street and a continuous glass canopy to shelter individual storefronts, which are planned for tenant spaces.

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Metro and TANK bus service that usually uses this area will be detoured around the closure. Riders should follow instructions posted at their stop or use the nearest stop outside the closure area.

- Metro (513) 621-4455 or [www.sorta.com](http://www.sorta.com)
- TANK (859) 331-TANK or [www.tankbus.org](http://www.tankbus.org)

***Available Parking Downtown***

There are more than more than 4,000 convenient and affordable parking spaces within a 1.5 block radius of Fountain Square. A detailed downtown parking map is available at [www.downtowncincinnati.com](http://www.downtowncincinnati.com).

Telephone:

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